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MEMORANDUM

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FROM:

Matthew J. Neubert W.

Director of Securities

DATE:

August 22, 2006

RE:

Proposed Order to Cease and Desist, Order of Restitution, Order for

Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same by Lori Lee Spranger (a/k/a Lori Lee Moriarty and/or Lori Lee Levandowski and/or Lori Gessell) and Michael Moriarty both individually and doing business as Vector 90 Debt Purchasing, an

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Arizona registered trade name (S-20441A-06-0082)

CC:

Brian C. McNeil, Executive Director

Attached is a proposed Order to Cease and Desist, Order of Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to same by: Lori Lee Spranger (a/k/a Lori Lee Moriarty and/or Lori Lee Levandowski and/or Lori Gessell) ("Spranger") and Michael Moriarty ("Moriarty") both individually and doing business as Vector 90 Debt Purchasing, a sole proprietorship and Arizona registered trade name ("Consent Order"). The Consent Order requires Spranger and Moriarty to cease and desist from further violations of the Arizona Securities Act, pay restitution in the amount of \$224,660.00, and pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$50,000.

Beginning in October 2004, Spranger and Moriarty offered for sale securities in the form of investment contracts through direct solicitation of investors and, from at least February, 2005, through the use of an internet website. These Respondents informed potential investors that the purpose of their business was to purchase consumer and commercial debt for pennies on the dollar and then to place those accounts for collection. The investment opportunity was described as one in which an investor, with a minimum investment of \$500.00, would receive a unit representing \$2,500.00 in debt. For each unit purchased, investors were to receive a guaranteed

35% return on their investment when collection efforts on the Unit were successful or by date certain, whichever was first to occur.

With regard to the offering, Spranger and Moriarty failed to inform offerees of the following: (a) their collection agent, Encompass West, LLC (an entity controlled by Spranger), was subject to a consent order with the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions in which Encompass West, LLC agreed to cease and desist all unlicensed debt collection activities and to pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000; (b) Spranger received a bankruptcy discharge which included debts associated with the operation of her previous debt collection business; (c) the risks associated with the collection of debt; and (d) investor funds were to be used to pay personal expenses, to repay other investors, and for the payment of business expenses unrelated to Vector 90 Debt Purchasing. Spranger and Moriarty raised \$295,530.00 from 15 Arizona investors. The principal amount of \$70,870.00 has been returned to investors.

The Order finds that Spranger and Moriarty violated A.R.S. §44-1841 and §44-1842 by selling unregistered securities while being unlicensed. It also finds that these Respondents committed multiple violations of A.R.S. § 44-1991.

The Securities Division recommends the Consent Order on the grounds that it requires Spranger and Moriarty make restitution to investors and assesses an additional penalty to deter such future conduct. The Securities Division believes that this Consent Order is appropriate to protect the public welfare.

originator: Julie Coleman

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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6	In the matter of:	Docket No. S-20441A-06-0082
7	Lori Lee Spranger (a/k/a Lori Moriarty)	201111111111111111111111111111111111111
8	and/or LORI LEE LEVANDOWSKI and/or LORI Constitution (Constitution)	DECISION NO
9	and doing business as VECTOR 90 DEBT PURCHASING, an Arizona registered trade	DECISION NO.
10	name	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER
11	Anthem, Arizona 85086	OF RESTITUTION, ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND CONSENT TO SAME BY:
12	MARTIN OTTO SPRANGER (a/k/a MARTIN	LODI LEE CDD ANCED (a/k/a LODI
13	OTTO SPRANGER, III), spouse of LORI LEE SPRANGER	LORI LEE SPRANGER (a/k/a LORI MORIARTY and/or LORI LEE LEVANDOWSKI and/or LORI GESSELL),
14	1650 S. Arizona Avenue #293 Chandler, Arizona 85248	individually and doing business as VECTOR 90 DEBT PURCHASING, an Arizona registered
15)	trade name; AND
16	MICHAEL ("MIKE") MORIARTY and JANE DOE MORIARTY, individually and doing	MICHAEL MORIARTY, individually and
17	business as VECTOR 90 DEBT PURCHASING, an Arizona registered trade name	doing business as VECTOR 90 DEBT PURCHASING, an Arizona registered trade
18	3127 West Honor Court Anthem, Arizona 85086	name
19	Respondents.	
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Respondents LORI LEE SPRANGER (a/k/a LORI MORIARTY and/or LORI LEE LEVANDOWSKI and/or LORI GESSELL and MICHAEL MORIARTY, both individually and doing business under the Arizona registered trade name VECTOR 90 DEBT PURCHASING ("Respondents") elect to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal under Articles 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of Arizona, A.R.S. § 44-1801 et seq. ("Securities Act") with respect to this Order To Cease And Desist, Order of Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalty and Consent to Same ("Order"). Respondents admit only for purposes of this proceeding and any other

administrative proceeding before the Commission or any other agency of the state of Arizona the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order; and consent to the entry of this Order by the Commission.

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Lori Lee Spranger (a/k/a Lori Moriarty and/or Lori Lee Levandowski and/or Lori Gessell) ("Spranger") is an unmarried individual whose residential address is 3127 West Honor Court, Anthem, Arizona 85086.
- 2. Michael Moriarty ("Moriarty") is an unmarried individual whose residential address is 3127 West Honor Court, Anthem, Arizona 85086.
- 3. At all relevant times, Respondents transacted business under the trade name "Vector 90 Debt Purchasing" which was registered with the Arizona Secretary of State on March 1, 2005, and whose business physical address is 3127 West Honor Court, Anthem, Arizona 85086 and business mailing address is 3434 West Anthem Way, Suite 118, Anthem, Arizona 85086.
- 4. Vector 90 Debt Purchasing has not been organized as a legal entity under the laws of the state of Arizona, nor has it been authorized in Arizona to transact business as a foreign entity.
- 5. From at least October, 2004, Spranger and Moriarty have resided together and conducted their businesses from their personal residence.
- 6. From at least October, 2004, Spranger offered for sale securities in the form of investment contracts through direct solicitation of potential investors.
- 7. From at least February 1, 2005, Respondents offered for sale securities in the form of investment contracts through the use of the internet website located at www.vector90.com ("Website").
- 8. Respondents informed potential investors that the purpose of their business is to purchase consumer and commercial debt for pennies on the dollar and then to place those accounts for collection.

- 9. Respondents informed potential investors that with a minimum investment of \$500.00, the investor receives a unit of debt ("Unit"). Each Unit represents \$2,500 in debt.
- 10. Respondents further informed investors that once a Unit is paid off, the investor will receive a 35% return on their investment; provided, however, even if the collection of the unit is unsuccessful, or if Respondents collect less than the original \$2,500, the investor will still receive a 35% return on their investment.
- 11. Respondents informed potential investors that Spranger has been "working in the collection and finance industry for a decade."
- 12. According to the Website, an investment made during the three month period ending on April 5, 2006 should be paid off (including the 35% return) no later than October 5, 2007. However, the Participation Agreement provided by Respondents to at least one offeree provides that their February, 2006 investment of \$100,000 would be repaid in quarterly installments of varying amounts beginning on November 16, 2006, with the last \$35,000 (presumably the 35% return) to be paid to the investor by Respondents on December 15, 2007.
- 13. According to the offering materials, Respondents informed investors that they are not a collection agency; rather, the collection accounts are placed with attorneys and collection agencies. According to their Website, certain accounts are "collected through Encompass West." According to the records of the Arizona Corporation Commission, Corporation Division, Encompass West is an Arizona limited liability company that is managed by Spranger and of which Spranger is at least a 20% owner.
- 14. According to the Website, Encompass West received a fee for acting as the collection agent for Respondents. According to the records of the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions, Encompass West is not licensed (and, at all relevant times hereto, was not licensed) as a collection agency, and cannot legally act as a debt collector in Arizona.
- 15. On or about January 28, 2005, Encompass West entered into a consent order with the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions in which Encompass West agreed to cease and

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desist all unlicensed debt collection activities and to pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 (the "ADFI Order").

- 16. Spranger and Moriarty, despite his knowledge thereof, failed to inform offerees of the existence of the ADFI Order.
- 17. From at least April, 2000, until October 2002, Spranger transacted business as a collection agency under the trade names "Kyrazod" and/or "Kyrazod Project of Arizona". In the collection of the accounts, Spranger hired an attorney to perform legal services on behalf of her collection agency's clients ("Kyrazod Attorney"). Monies collected by the Kyrazod Attorney from the debtors would be turned over to Spranger. In turn, Spranger was to then pay to the attorney all fees for services rendered on behalf of Spranger to Kyrazod Attorney.
- On November 11, 2003, Spranger and her then spouse filed for protection under 18. Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona in the matter entitled *In re Spranger*, case no. 2:03-bk-19815 ("Spranger Bankruptcy"). On April 7, 2004, Spranger received a bankruptcy discharge. Spranger included debts associated with the operation of Kyrazod in the Spranger bankruptcy from which she received a discharge.
- 19. Spranger and Moriarty, despite his knowledge thereof, failed to inform offerees of the existence of the Spranger Bankruptcy.
- On April 13, 2005, judgment was entered against Spranger for the wrongful 20. conversion of funds due and owing to the Kyrazod Attorney. Even though the debt arose prior to the filing of the Spranger Bankruptcy, it was determined by the Bankruptcy Court to be a nondischargeable debt as it arose from the wrongful conduct on the part of Spranger ("Kyrazod Attorney Judgment").
- Spranger and Moriarty, despite his knowledge thereof, failed to inform offerees of 21. the existence of the Kyrazod Attorney Judgment.
- 22. The Vector 90 Debt Purchasing bank account was controlled solely by Moriarty. However, deposits to and disbursements from the Vector 90 Debt Purchasing bank account were

occasionally made at the direction of Spranger. In fact, at all relevant times hereto, Moriarty was the only authorized signatory on all personal and business accounts belonging to Spranger and/or Moriarty.

- 23. Respondents used investor funds for the payment of personal expenses, to repay other investors, and for the payment of business expenses unrelated to Vector 90 Debt Purchasing.
- 24. Respondents failed to inform offerees that investor funds would be used for a purpose other than the acquisition of debt in accordance with Respondents' investment program.
- 25. Respondents failed to inform offerees of any potential risk associated with their investment.
- 26. Respondents have raised \$295,530.00 from 15 Arizona investors. The principal amount of \$70,870.00 has been returned to investors. The principal amount of \$224,660.00 remains due and owing to investors.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- 2. Respondents offered or sold securities within or from Arizona, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 44-1801(15), 44-1801(21), and 44-1801(26).
- 3. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1841 by offering or selling securities that were neither registered nor exempt from registration.
- 4. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1842 by offering or selling securities while neither registered as dealers or salesmen nor exempt from registration.
- 5. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1991 by (a) employing a device, scheme or artifice to defraud, (b) making untrue statements or misleading omissions of material facts, and (c)

engaging in transactions, practices or courses of business which operate or would operate as a fraud or deceit.

- 6. Respondents' conduct is grounds for a cease and desist order pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 7. Respondents' conduct is grounds for an order of restitution pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 8. Respondents' conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-2036.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Respondents' consent to the entry of this Order, attached and incorporated by reference, the Commission finds that the following relief is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that Respondents, and any of Respondents' agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act. Respondents shall not sell any securities in or from Arizona without being registered in Arizona as dealers or salesmen, or exempt from such registration. Respondents shall not sell securities in or from Arizona unless the securities are registered in Arizona or exempt from registration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents comply with the attached Consent to Entry of Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that Respondents Spranger and Moriarty shall, jointly and severally, pay restitution to the Commission in the amount of \$224,660.00. Any amount outstanding shall accrue interest at the rate of 10% per annum from the date of this Order until paid in full. Payment shall be made to the "State of Arizona" to be placed

in an interest-bearing account maintained and controlled by the Commission. The Commission shall disburse the funds on a pro rata basis to investors shown on the records of the Commission. Any restitution funds that the Commission cannot disburse because an investor refuses to accept such payment shall be disbursed on a pro-rata basis to the remaining investors shown on the records of the Commission. Any funds that the Commission determines it is unable to or cannot feasibly disburse shall be transferred to the general fund of the state of Arizona. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036, that Respondents Spranger and Moriarty shall, jointly and severally, pay an administrative penalty in the amount of 8 \$50,000.00. Payment shall be made in full on the date of this Order to the "State of Arizona." Any amount outstanding shall accrue interest at the rate of 10% per annum from the date of this 10

respect of Respondents' restitution obligations. For purposes of this Order, a bankruptcy filing by any of the Respondents shall be an act of default. If any Respondent does not comply with this Order, any outstanding balance may be

deemed in default and shall be immediately due and payable.

Order until paid in full. The payment obligations for these administrative penalties shall be

subordinate to any restitution obligations ordered herein and shall become immediately due and

payable only after restitution payments have been paid in full or upon Respondents' default with

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if any Respondent fails to comply with this order, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against that Respondent, including application to the superior court for an order of contempt.

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1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately.			
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CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- 1. LORI LEE SPRANGER (a/k/a LORI MORIARTY and/or LORI LEE LEVANDOWSKI and/or LORI GESSELL and MICHAEL MORIARTY, both individually and doing business under the Arizona registered trade name VECTOR 90 DEBT PURCHASING ("Respondents") admit the jurisdiction of the Commission over the subject matter of this proceeding. Respondents acknowledge that they have been fully advised of their right to a hearing to present evidence and call witnesses and Respondents knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all rights to a hearing before the Commission and all other rights otherwise available under Article 11 of the Securities Act and Title 14 of the Arizona Administrative Code. Respondents acknowledge that this Order to Cease and Desist, Order of Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same ("Order") constitutes a valid final order of the Commission.
- 2. Respondents knowingly and voluntarily waive any right under Article 12 of the Securities Act to judicial review by any court by way of suit, appeal, or extraordinary relief resulting from the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondents acknowledge and agree that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 4. Respondents acknowledge that they have been represented by an attorney (Robert D. Mitchell of the law firm of Mitchell & Forest, P.C.) in this matter, they have reviewed this Order with their attorney, and understand all terms it contains.
- 5. Respondents admit only for purposes of this proceeding and any other administrative proceeding before the Commission or any other agency of the state of Arizona the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order. Respondents agree that they shall not contest the validity of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order in any present or future administrative proceeding before the Commission or any other state agency concerning the denial or issuance of any license or registration required by the State to engage in the practice of any business or profession.

- 6. By consenting to the entry of this Order, Respondents agree not to take any action or to make, or permit to be made, any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any Finding of Fact or Conclusion of Law in this Order or creating the impression that this Order is without factual basis. Respondents will undertake steps necessary to assure that all of thier agents and employees understand and comply with this agreement.
- 7. While this Order settles this administrative matter between Respondents and the Commission, Respondents understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from instituting other administrative or civil proceedings based on violations that are not addressed by this Order.
- 8. Respondents understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from referring this matter to any governmental agency for administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to the matters addressed by this Order.
- 9. Respondents understand that this Order does not preclude any other agency or officer of the state of Arizona or its subdivisions from instituting administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to matters addressed by this Order.
- 10. Respondents agree that they will not apply to the state of Arizona for registration as a securities dealer or salesman or for licensure as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative until such time as all restitution and penalties under this Order are paid in full.
- 11. Respondents agree that they will not exercise any control over any entity that offers or sells securities or provides investment advisory services within or from Arizona until such time as all restitution and penalties under this Order are paid in full.
- 12. Respondents agree that they will not sell any securities in or from Arizona without being properly registered in Arizona as a dealer or salesman, or exempt from such registration; they will not sell any securities in or from Arizona unless the securities are registered in Arizona or exempt from registration; and they will not transact business in Arizona as an investment adviser

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